

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A lithographic printing original plate having a photosensitive layer formed on a support,

wherein the photosensitive layer comprises the heat cured product of a photosensitive resin composition,

wherein the photosensitive layer has a phase-separation structure in a sea-island form,

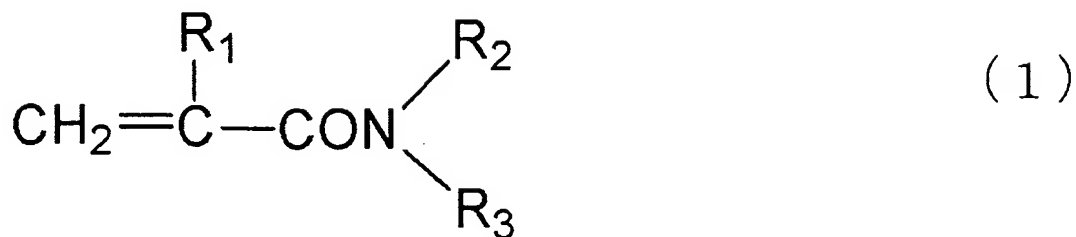
wherein the photosensitive resin composition comprises a hydrophilic resin having cross-linking groups that can react with a cross-linking agent, a hydrophilic resin having no functional groups that can react with a cross-linking agent and which can dissolve out in water, a melamine resin, organic fine particles and a photothermal conversion material,

wherein the hydrophilic resin having cross-linking groups that can react with a cross-linking agent is obtained by polymerizing a monomer containing a cross-linking monomer having a hydroxyl group,

wherein an island portion in the sea-island form comprises the hydrophilic resin having no functional group and has a mean diameter value of from 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$  to 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , and

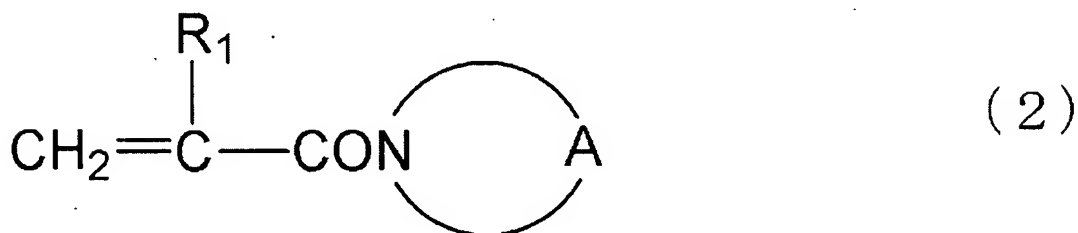
wherein the hydrophilic resin having no functional groups that can react with a cross-linking agent is obtained by polymerizing at least one monomer containing a N-alkyl or N-alkylene substituted (meth)acrylamide compound selected from the group consisting of monomers represented by formulae (1) and (2),

formula 1



wherein  $\text{R}_1$  represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group, and  $\text{R}_2$  and  $\text{R}_3$  each individually represents a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl or alkoxy group,

formula 2



wherein  $\text{R}_1$  represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group, and A represents  $(\text{CH}_2)_n$ , and wherein n represents an integer of 4 to 6 or  $(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_2$ .

2. (Currently Amended) A lithographic printing original plate according to claim 1, wherein ~~the photosensitive layer has a phase separation structure in a sea-island form~~, there are at least five island portions having a diameter of 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$  or more to 10  $\mu\text{m}$  or less in an area of 2,500  $\mu\text{m}^2$  on any surface of the photosensitive layer, wherein the diameter means a short axis when the island portion has an elliptic shape with a long axis and a short axis, and at least a part

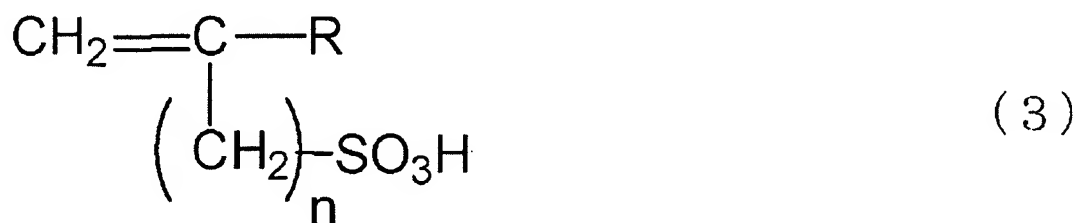
of the island portions produces recessed parts on the surface of the lithographic printing original plate after printing when the plate is subjected to printing using a fountain solution.

3. (Original) A lithographic printing original plate according to claim 2, wherein the mean value of the short axes of the island portions is 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$  or more to 10  $\mu\text{m}$  or less.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) A lithographic printing original plate according to claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic resin having no functional groups that can react with a cross-linking agent is obtained by further reacting one or more kinds of compounds selected from compounds having following general formula (3) or salts thereof:

[formula 3]



wherein R represents a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group; n represents an integer of 1 to 8.

6. (Cancelled)

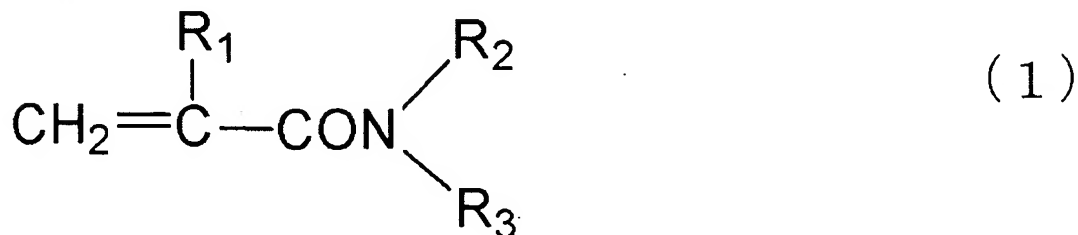
7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original) A lithographic printing plate that is obtained by irradiation with light or thermal energy to the lithographic printing original plate according to claim 1.

9. (Previously Presented) A photosensitive resin composition comprising:  
a hydrophilic resin for cross-linking, having cross-linking groups that can react with a cross-linking agent, obtained by polymerizing a monomer containing a cross-linking monomer having a hydroxyl group,

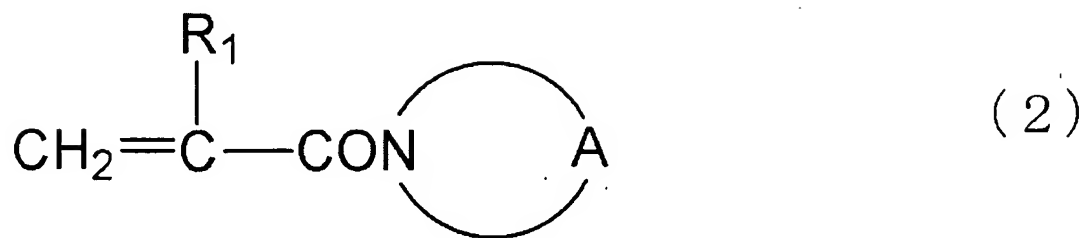
a hydrophilic resin for non-cross-linking, having no functional groups that can react with a cross-linking agent, obtained by polymerizing at least one monomer containing a N-alkyl or N-alkylene substituted (meth)acrylamide compound selected from the group consisting of monomers represented by formulae (1) and (2),

formula 1



wherein  $\text{R}_1$  represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group, and  $\text{R}_2$  and  $\text{R}_3$  each individually represents a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl or alkoxy group,

formula 2



wherein  $\text{R}_1$  represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group, A represents  $(\text{CH}_2)_n$ ,  
and n represents an integer of 4 to 6 or  $(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_2$ .

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